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~~FRENCH-MOROCCAN DISPUTE~~

Despite considerable dissension the French Cabinet on 29 August accepted the five-point program worked out by Premier Faure and Moroccan nationalists:

- 1) Replacement of Gracval by General Boyer de Latour as Resident General (already accomplished)
- 2) Departure of Sultan ben Arafa
- 3) Establishment of a Throne Council
- 4) Formation of a representative government under a Moroccan to be designated by the Throne Council
- 5) Return of ex-Sultan ben Youssef from Madagascar to France.

Sultan ben Arafa's refusal to withdraw seems to have reopened the split in the French cabinet, Defense Minister Koenig opposing the sultan's removal, and Foreign Minister Pinay objecting to putting pressure on him to resign. Premier Faure and Protectorates Minister Joly are intent on having him leave immediately in order to meet Faure's deadline for a settlement by 12 September.



Two French government representatives have reportedly already conferred with ben Youssef: General Georges Catroux was critical of the deposition of ben Youssef in 1953, and is sympathetic to Moroccan nationalism. Henri Yrissou, Foreign Minister Pinay's personal assistant, probably represents conservative French interests. They are presumed to have discussed the 2nd, 3rd and 5th points of the above program.

Several Moroccan delegations representing moderate elements are en route

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to Madagascar to confer with ben Youssef.

On 3 September Moroccan nationalist leaders indicated that talks with Faure had made little progress, presumably on the composition of the Throne Council.

In view of French cabinet's acceptance of the program worked out by Faure there seems little possibility that the National Assembly will be recalled before the normal 4 October date.

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